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DESOTO COUNTY AWARDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

JACKSON, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced the latest Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$800,000 awarded to DeSoto County.

"Strengthening our economy begins with our local communities," commented Governor Musgrove. "These Economic Development funds will assist DeSoto County in its commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents through economic growth."

The funds, administered by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, will be utilized for economic development on behalf of Brentwood Originals.

CDBG is a program of the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority, which administers technical and financial assistance programs that help communities prepare for growth. Through its Economic Development funds, the CDBG program encourages new and existing business by providing local governments with grants for public improvements, or loans to businesses for start-up and expansion costs. Job creation is the key to CDBG-assisted economic development.

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